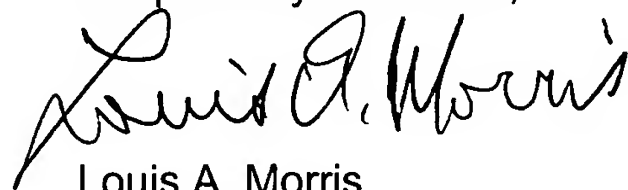


the instant claims. One of ordinary skill in the art could not be led to quasi-crystalline materials or a process for making them from Stamires, et al.

Conclusion

The instant claims are neither anticipated nor obvious over Stamires, et al. Allowance of the instant claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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